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John Lassel, presently the president of the DSA, plans for another term in office. See page 3.

Condors' struggle to maintain their second-place standing after loosing to Niagara. See page 4.

W.I.T workshop held in Guelph

By Bridget Bryans

Money appeared to be the motivating force for most of the women attending the Women in Technology (W.I.T.) workshop at Conestoga College's Guelph campus Feb. 14.

The originally-planned format for the workshop was altered over the lunch break when the women began discussing the program, apprenticeships and skilled trades. The talks carried on past the scheduled 2 p.m. close as the women shared their hopes, expectations and apprehensions for the future.

"I've never been afraid of machines," said Darlene Goss, a first-year apprentice machinist, who has worked as a general machinist for three years and is now in an apprenticeship program. She also said that men tend to pick on her physical appearance because they can't find fault with her work.

"But," she said, "I've established myself in the company and you have to overlook the criticism."

Helga Wirth, a woman considering entering W.I.T., said she worried about not being physically strong enough to do the required work. She was told by Kim

Fowler, a current student of W.I.T., that the program not only stresses hands-on work and academics, but also includes ways to build upper-body strength and life skills.

Tracy West, also a W.I.T. student, said, "You might be surprised at how strong you really are."

Some students said they realized that, as apprentices, they would make less money than they had been, but in the future they would earn more money and have job security.

Pat Robert had been involved with a Cambridge-originated-self-help group for two years and had planned on a career in social work. After realizing the high "burn out" rate of social workers, she decided, instead, to enrol in W.I.T. to learn skills to help her specialize in cabinet making.

"I won't have a problem working in an all-male environment. I have kids to put through university, and hope to one day own a home."

Andra McManus, first-year W.I.T. student, had worked in offices for six years but found she wasn't getting the money or respect she felt she deserved before entering the program.

"I just want to be paid properly and be respected," she said.



Gerry Curry from Computer Connection, demonstrates one of the computers at MacFest. (Photo by Claudia Zuniga/Spoke)

DSA gets new entertainment boss

By Janet Kauk

The Doon Student Association appointed Jeff Hodsdon as the new entertainment manager Feb. 8.

Hodsdon, a first-year broadcasting student, was appointed to the position following the resignation of former entertainment manager Todd Schott.

The position of entertainment manager was not advertised throughout the school. Rather, the DSA approached people they knew who had an interest in the position for the following year. Mike Coughlan, also a first-year broadcasting student, and Hodsdon were both asked to apply. After an interview with president John Lassel, vice-president Marjorie Hewitt, activities co-ordinator Cheryl Davenport, and pub manager Reuben Greenhouse, Hodsdon was selected.

"He gave a good interview," said Hewitt.

"He was honest and sincere," said Marjorie Hewitt.

Lassel was impressed with Hodsdon because he has been involved with activities in the school including the Metal Mike show. Lassel was also impressed with

Hodsdon's enthusiasm and his organizational capabilities.

This temporary position as entertainment manager will be mostly an administrative role as bookings for bands and other negotiations have already been done by Schott, Lassel said.

"We asked applicants 'how do you feel about coming into a position where the negotiating has already been done?'" Lassel said. Both applicants were comfortable with this stipulation.

Hodsdon, in the mean time, is pleased with the position.

"There's a lot of interesting things to do and be done," he said. "Right now, I'm getting a feel for the job."

Hodsdon, who is planning on applying for the position again next year, feels there is not enough school spirit to support pubs.

"They can be a really fun time," he said. "If I'm in there (the position) next year, I would like to bring in some new bands."

"I'm sort of thrown into the position right now," Hodsdon said. But, he said he welcomes any ideas that people bring to him.

"Generally, he's trying to learn the most he can," Lassel said.

"Todd was a good guy. I honestly regret losing him," he said. Schott is helping Hodsdon with the position for the next few weeks until Hodsdon is comfortable with his new role.

Manager quits

By Janet Kauk

Todd Schott, entertainment manager for the Doon Student Association, handed in his resignation Jan 23 for personal reasons.

"His resignation came as quite a surprise to me," said John Lassel, president of the DSA.

Lassel said Schott resigned on his own for personal reasons that he would not divulge to members of the DSA.

Schott said he could not divulge any information about his resignation until after campaign speeches. According to Schott, he and Lassel agreed this would be a good political strategy. Lassel is running again for the position of president.

"I have to respect his wishes when he offers his resignation," Lassel said. "We all regret it."

Women alerted to problems

By Bridget Bryans

Some of the problems women face when entering non-traditional fields were highlighted at a workshop, held Feb. 14, at the Guelph campus of Conestoga College.

Elke Kleihauer, guest speaker and a shop instructor at Bluevale Secondary School, Waterloo, told the group of approximately 25 women about some of the difficulties she encountered when entering a tool- and-dye maker apprenticeship, as well as the challenges.

Kleihauer said that men found it difficult to accept women into the skilled trades and even though attitudes have changed over the last decade, some men are still uncomfortable with women in the workshop.

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Jennifer Knowles, co-ordinator, Women's Access to Apprenticeship at Guelph campus, organized the workshop to discuss ways to prepare women for entry into a skilled trade. The women who attended included those already enrolled in the Women in Technology program (W.I.T.) and some considering future enrolment.

The workshop, which included a tour of the shop facilities, gave the women a chance to talk to others already working in a male-dominated environment and to hear how working in the trades industry had affected their personal lives.



Elke Kleihauer (l), shop instructor, talks to one of the many who are choosing to follow in her footsteps. (Photo by Bridget Bryans/Spoke)

Doon teacher wins cartoon contest

By Jane MacDougall

John Innanen, computer programmer/analyst instructor at Doon campus, won a cartoon caption contest in the Globe and Mail Feb. 1.

Cartoonist Dan Piraro drew the cartoon but left the caption open. The cartoon sported a lamb dressed in a suit holding a steam boat. The lamb is talking to a slick man holding a small piano.

The lamb is pointing his finger,

about to say something to the man.

Piraro chose two Canadian winners after, "Wading through hundreds of weird and/or wonderful submissions."

He said he chose the entry by Innanen because he found it, "The funniest and most original."

Innanen's caption read: "Hey, Ralph! This one screams when you shake it."

Rob Browne of Winnipeg also won with his caption: "But wait! Haven't you heard...mayors eat

boats and little lambs eat ivory."

Innanen said he entered the contest because he likes to read cartoons.

"I get a lot of inspiration from them," he said.

Raincoast Books of Vancouver, which forwarded the entries to Piraro, said more than 800 entries were received.

Innanen said he entered the contest on a whim.

"It's a safe way to express strange ideas," Innanen said.

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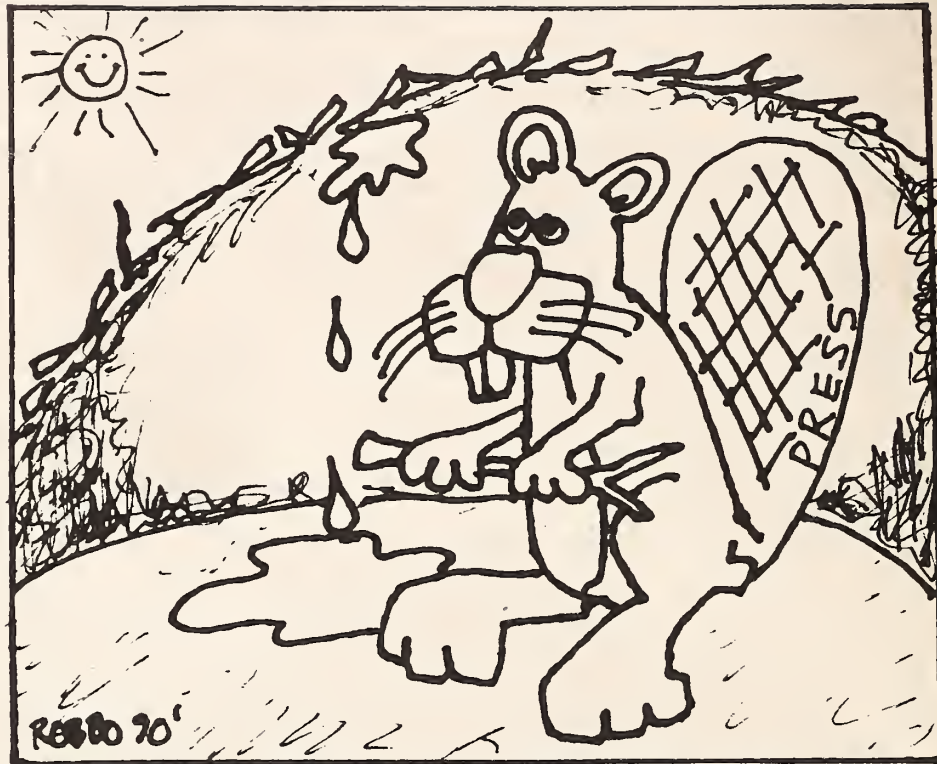
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Have we come a long way?

By Jane MacDougall

Men and women are equal. Or that is what society wants us to believe.

Some men say women have pushed far enough and some women accept their gains. But women's issues go further than opening their own door, or being addressed as Ms.

According to a study done in 1974 at Stanford University, males and females do not differ in general I.Q. tests. It also found that creativity among the sexes is the same.

Yet women in high-ranking positions are still limited. Few people would be able to name more than five eminent Canadian women.

Why? Does society de-value women on an intellectual basis? Does society really believe that a woman's place is barefoot and pregnant?

An article written by Jay Cocks in Time Magazine, July 12, 1982, said that a United States Department of Labor study of earnings for 1981 found that, "women were paid much less than men in virtually every occupation where both were employed."

Women still have a long fight ahead, not just for equal pay or equal rights, although these are extremely important.

But society must change the way it views women. Stereotyping begins even before birth. If the baby kicks—it must be a boy. But don't girls kick?

A study done in 1980 by Laura S. Sidorowiz and G. Sparks Lunney reinforced this stereotypical behaviour.

The pair put a baby in a room with three toys: a football, a doll and a teething ring. Participants spent a couple minutes playing with the baby.

The key factor was that one time the baby was dressed as a boy, and the next as a girl.

Participants gave the male-dressed baby a football 65 per cent of the time, and the female was given the doll 80 per cent of the time.

What would a male or female baby do with a football or a doll? Wouldn't a baby prefer a teething ring?

Such studies may seem insignificant to some but early learning experiences create the individual.

Women have always been down-played in our society. It is a man's life that society has focused on. But today's women are trying to change that.

Equality? We still have a long way to go, baby!

"Love child" unethical, experts say

By Jennifer Motz

We are living in an age where test-tube babies, organ transplants and genetic manipulation raises only a few eyebrows.

Why, then, are a group of people, dubbed ethics experts, so distraught over a Los Angeles couples' "unorthodox" method for saving their 17-year-old daughter's life?

The couple's daughter has leukemia.

If a bone marrow transplant occurs, she has a 70 to 80 per cent chance of survival; without it, she will die.

Despite doctors' attempts, a suitable donor has not been found in the two years since she was diagnosed with the disease and no member of her immediate family has compatible cells.

Until now.

The couple, both in their early 40s, made a no-doubt labored decision to conceive a child, in the hope they could beat the one-in-four odds and that their new-born would be a compatible donor.

Tests conducted on the fetus have indicated this is

the case.

If the transplant is performed, doctors have said the new baby faces little risk.

However, critics are calling the couples' actions "outrageous."

A professor of law and medicine at the University of Southern California said: "The ideal reason for having a child is associated with that child's welfare - to bring a child into being and nurture it."

Ideal? Certainly, but a bit altruistic given the myriad reasons people have children.

This should not be an issue of ethics.

It was a personal decision.

The catalyst for this baby's conception was the love of a child by her parents and it seems ludicrous for the "experts" to suggest that the younger sibling will receive less of that emotion or that this couple has not considered its well being.

It would be interesting to know what the "ethics experts" course of action would be if faced with the same set of heart-wrenching circumstances.

Of birds and Blue Jays: in search of an inoffensive topic



By Terra Crowley

Well, how about them Blue Jays?

Once again I am stumped as to what I should write for a column. This is actually my third column attempt this week. It is getting rather frustrating. My first column was zapped by the computer, and the second was zapped because of bad taste.

It is repeatedly suggested I write something light—something that won't ruffle any feathers. After all, I only have a couple of weeks left—why chance it?

What an attitude.

Let's see...what happened this week.

How many of you were in the cafeteria

when the bird was flying around and couldn't get outside? Did you notice how quick the lunch special board was changed?

"Just In! Roasted Bird \$1.95"

I guess now I'm going to have animal rights activists after me. Lighten up guys! Or shall I say guys and girls?

No matter what I seem to write, I am going to offend someone.

Well, how about the weather?

Seems like a safe enough topic, but what the heck can you say about that? (You will notice that I said 'heck' because we are not allowed to swear—might offend someone. I'm sure they can't understand what *@#*! stands for.)

I am glancing around the Spoke office for something else to write about that is in good taste. Ahh—right beside me sits a pile of inter-campus envelopes. We must have about fifty of them piled on the floor. We receive correspondence, but we never have to send

anything out. We just put it in Spoke. So where are all these envelopes supposed to go (just something to make you think)?

We could put it in our "papers to be recycled" box, but they wouldn't fit. Our box is the size of a desk and it is completely full. However, hang on to your hats environmentalists, the housekeeping service refuses to come upstairs and take it away. They said they will only take boxes that are in the computer room. We would move the box down the hall, but it must weigh at least two hundred pounds. Oh well. The Spoke office will just become overrun with old issues of the paper and inter-campus envelopes. Sounds like an interesting plot for a new cheap Hollywood flick.

Only 20 more computer lines to type. Are you bored yet? You couldn't possibly be offended.

Here's something. A calendar showing exotic lands that my feet will never touch.

Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania is pictured for the month of February. It shows a group of giraffes in the foreground. Ever wonder why God gave giraffes such long necks? A cruel joke probably (apologies to animal activists). But seriously. They are supposed to have long necks because they eat leaves from trees. At least that is what teachers told me in Grade 1.

I took a peek at March just to see what the scenic shot was, hoping it wasn't Daytona Beach, Florida. Answer: Venice.

You would think after all these years they would have built bridges across the Grand Canal instead of wasting time in those gondolas. It would be much faster.

Five lines left.

Ahh...my prized possession—the picture of the guy with his hands over his forehead wincing "Gawd! I love this place." I can relate.

Another column done.

Ask Pat

If you have a question for counsellor Pat Trudeau drop off a letter at any Student Services office or mail to: c/o Pat Trudeau, Student Services, Conestoga College Guelph Campus, 460 Speedvale Ave. W., Guelph, Ont., N1H 6N6 All letters should include a first name and telephone number as well as a pseudonym.



Dear Pat:

I am a Business student at the College who is having a hard time keeping up with school and family problems. I have missed classes, several days and deadlines for project completions. Therefore, my instructors are doubting my integrity.

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I am between a rock and a hard place. Should I drop out of the program for this year and continue next year or drop out completely or just carry on this way.

**Signed,
Between**

Dear Between:

Feelings of being overwhelmed and joyless can be an indication that one is on the wrong track. Is your "bliss" in the area of business or would you be better suited elsewhere?

At this point the semester, I urge you to squeeze through that tight spot and take the summer to decide whether you need time off, another area of study or just a fresh start at your current program.

Don't try to tackle the family problems alone. Family and Children services offer family counselling. So do many clergy.

Let instructors know that you're going through a tough time and are doing your best.

**Take heart,
Pat**

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"To make my car last another year"
Bob Hayes
Law and security teacher



"I want to help Ivana Trump spend her 25 million dollars."
Jeff Baseggio
Third-year marketing



"To be a go-go dancer at the Twist."
Jeff Hodson
First-year broadcasting



"To pass first year"
Tracy Snedden
First-year Law and Security

Security guards enjoy students

By Jana Faulhafer

The staff of security guards at Conestoga College's Doon campus enjoy the daily contact with students, according to Bob Gilberts, head of security.

Gilberts, who has been a security guard at the college for about 15 years, said that helping and meeting the students is the most rewarding part of his job.

"The most common problem we are called on to handle is opening locked car doors and opening locked rooms in the college," said Gilberts. "We are responsible for the security and safety of the buildings too."

Janet Smith, who became a security guard after working in a variety of factories, added that the security staff are always around somewhere.

Although Smith said there isn't usually a whole lot of excitement

in her work, she does enjoy it and the students.

"About the most exciting thing that has ever happened to me on this job is catching students making out in C-wing," said Smith.

Jim Brady, who was a teacher for 20 years and has been an ordained minister for the past 36 years, has also worked in security in places other than the college.

Brady, while working as a security guard at a hospital, was involved in what he calls the most exciting thing to ever happen to him on the job.

"A former mental patient came into the hospital with guns and explosives ready to kill everyone," said Brady. "I'd say that was pretty exciting."

Brady, who is not directly employed by the college but works under contract here for Burns

Security, said that although he enjoys working with the students, all of the walking he has to do on his arthritis-stricken feet is the worst part of his job.

Nick Tombros has been a security guard at the college since August of last year and he is also working under contract for Burns Security.

Tombros, a native of Sparta, Greece, owned a restaurant in Owen Sound and ran a variety store in downtown Kitchener prior to becoming a security guard at the college. "I enjoy seeing the people and talking to them," said Tombros.

Gilberts said the students use the services security provides quite often.

"There are a lot of forgetful people at the college," said Gilberts. "Security is always available and willing to help."

Lassel plans second term

By Stephanie Donkers

John Lassel, president of the Doon Student Association at Conestoga College, is near the end of his term in office. However, he is planning to run a second time in the upcoming presidential election.

Lassel, a second-year construction engineering technology student at the college, has been DSA president since September 1989.

"The quantity of work is incredible," Lassel said.

His general responsibility is to ensure the DSA runs smoothly. His first responsibility in office was to hire the executive members. He directs this group and gives them constructive criticism.

"My biggest challenge right now is to mobilize the board of directors in terms of putting them in communities to take a look at the feasibility for residences, which is a student concern," he said.

Other concerns are the feasibility of a student center and recycling within the campus.

"There's a lot of things a president does. It just can't be written down," he said.

Lassel is involved with the Ontario Canadian College Student President Association (OCCSPA), the official representative of all community colleges in Ontario. The organization was effective in

helping with the faculty strike in November by setting up letter writing campaigns, protest rallies, and helping administration with fact sheets.

Lassel tries to get involved with the presidents from other Conestoga college campuses as well as the area's university presidents.

He said he tries to get involved with the community by attending Waterloo, Kitchener and Regional council meetings.

Although he has a busy schedule, the 25-year-old president rarely misses classes.

"DSA should never become more important than your actual classes. You have to make sure you maintain your average at the same time. I think I've done a pretty good job balancing it this year," he said.

Lassel often stays late at the college to get work done. A month and a half before the second semester he stayed until 4 a.m. most nights. Some days he has stayed 24 hours. He also comes in every weekend.

"I practically live here. I call this my second home," he said.

Lassel said he wanted to be the president because he thought he could be of service to the students.

"I thought I had fairly good organizational skills, which I

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Pre-registrations begin

By Jo-ann Vasselin

Spring is just around the corner and thoughts of graduating will start to surface. But if you are a student who needs just one more credit to graduate with your class, don't worry.

The continuing education department will start pre-registration Feb. 26 at noon, and March 5 marks the first day of registration for the spring semester.

Janeen Hoover, administrative assistant for continuing education, said a letter is sent to classes notifying students about which courses are eligible for pre-registration.

"The reason for pre-registration ensures students a spot in the course so that they may complete a program and attend convocation with their class," said Hoover.

The continuing education department schedules general education and elective courses two nights a week during the spring session.

Hoover said any questions students may have can be directed to the continuing education supervisor at their campus.

During the week of Feb. 28, catalogues listing all available courses through the continuing education department are distributed in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, Guelph and northern areas.

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Thank You
Linda Krotz
Campus Administrator

Condors' loss puts Knights in first place

By Brian Brodersen

The Condors 3-2 loss against the Niagara Knights Feb. 14 sewed up a first place finish for the Knights, and put Conestoga in a precarious position to maintain second-place standing to the end of the season next month.

The Condors took an early lead when Jeff Coulter scored less than four minutes into the first period.

But Niagara went ahead later in the first period with two quick goals five minutes later.

The period ended in a tie when the Condor's Jeff Cumming caught Niagara goalie Jim Darling off guard with a backhand shot from in front of the net with 49 seconds left in the period.

The only other goal of the game came at the 12-minute mark of the second period when Niagara left winger Mike Mooradian slid one under the pads of goalie Marc McCallum.

The action in the third period was increasingly frenzied as Conestoga struggled to redress the one point deficit, but to no avail.

The loss puts first place beyond

the reach of the Condors and means they will have to win their three remaining regular season games to maintain their hold on second place.

Penn State is currently in third place but could overtake Conestoga if the Condors lose any of these games.

The Condors would like to maintain their second place spot as it will give them a bye, along with the first place finisher, into the semi-finals.

Coach Scott Long said it was not so much that Niagara won the game, but that Conestoga lost.

"Our power plays were atrocious. We were unable to penetrate far into their zone, and when we were, we couldn't set up to score," he said.

There has been a rivalry between the two teams since they started playing each other in the 1970s. In the past, Long said, multiple player ejections on both sides were not uncommon.

The Valentine's Day game was surprisingly tame by comparison. Only a few minor scuffles broke out, even in the increasingly rough

and aggressive second period.

The loss follows last week's 5-4 victory against Erie Community College.

The surprise of the game was newcomer defenceman Dave Bose. Bose played with the team two years ago, but took last year off. This was his second game since rejoining the Condors. He saw a lot of action and Long described his performance as "very good" in both games.

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thought I could develop further. You can serve the students and learn for yourself also, that's the icing on the cake," he said.

The president receives \$1,300 for his term in office. The money is provided for him from the DSA activities fee.

"Sure, you're kind of volunteering your time. You're not getting paid for the amount of time that you really work but you're not here for the money," he said.

Lassel said he encourages students to "get involved" in the upcoming election.

"You're actually in the position where you can help people. I enjoy it. It's a challenge," he said.

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Athletes of the Week



Varsity indoor soccer player Joe Senc, of Kitchener, is Athlete of the Week at Conestoga College for the week of Feb. 12.

In last weekend's Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regional indoor soccer tournament, Senc displayed effective all-round play as Conestoga grabbed a bronze medal and a spot in the provincial championships.

The Condors finished the regional tourney with a 3-2 record. Senc scored two goals and was top defenceman in the event.

He is enrolled at the College's Doon campus in Kitchener, studying to become a mechanical engineering technician.



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Bottom(l-r): Tony Camilo, Tracy Snedden, Cathy Ryan, (c) Alison Bevington, (c) Michelle Hatch
Middle(l-r): Colin Robertson, Perter 'Ice' Ysselstein, Brad Finucan,
Top: John Burdett, Brian Kempster, Pat Scarlett
Absent: Dhana Clements

Week of Feb. 12-16

Spikers 2

Co-ed volleyball

Shelley Kitchèn (c), Theresa Chong, Vicki Barker, Rick Douglas, Michelle Drury, Jerry Tuckey, Terry Hopper.